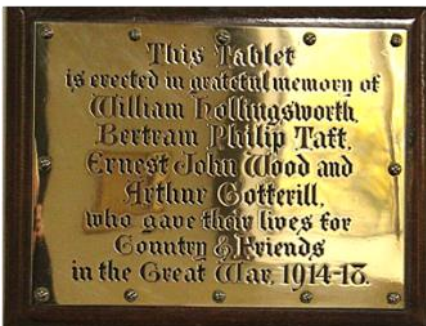


BRAMSHALL NEWS November 2022



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November



November starts with a bang with bonfires and fireworks lighting up the gloom , but too often then descends into the cold and dark signalling the move from autumn to winter ahead. One thing which can brighten these days is the flower of the month – the chrysanthemum which comes in a rainbow range of colours nowadays although at first they were all golden: hence the name ‘chrys’ which comes from the Greek word for gold and ‘anthemon’ meaning flowers. The meaning of the flower changes according to its colour but the qualities of friendship, loyalty, and honesty alongside the fact that a bunch of chrysanthemums bring with them joy and good luck as well mean they are always a thoughtful present.

Remembrance is another aspect we associate with November, as the Armistice began at 11 am on 11th November 1918 as a prelude to peace negotiations and our Service of Remembrance held on the nearest Sunday. Over 16 million people died during the First World War and the death count for WW2 stands at around 20 million military personnel and still wars are adding to these numbers. The effect of these deaths on families and friends must be harrowing. In this newsletter we will look at one story from Bramshall. This story is a tiny drop in the ocean of deaths but changed forever the lives of people waiting at home.

If you have a story you could share next year please let us know so we can include it , remember, and let their stories live on.



Quick Quiz:

1. A statue of which man was placed in Trafalgar Square on 3rd November 1843?
2. What did Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter discover on 4th November 1922?
3. On the 6th November 1942 the Church of England relaxed which rule relating to women’s clothes in church?
4. Which bear was given a cartoon in The Daily Express starting on 8th November 1920?
5. Which Saint is celebrated on the 30th November?

Answers on P13

Rural Parish Council News

Bramshall Village is represented by Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council, being the first tier of local government.

The Parish Council website has lists of your local Councillors, planning applications along with other information, including a News area.

Here are a few of the things that the Parish Council have done in the last few weeks:

- Perch seats in the bus stop have been installed
- Gateway to Bramshall/Loxley sign down Bennetts Lane completed
- Telephone box/library has been repaired and is back up and running
- Wildflowers are going to be planted around the gateway sign
- Christmas trees will be installed early in December - one at the entrance to the village and one on the village green.

It would be good to see residents of the village at the meetings and you are all welcome to our next meeting on Tuesday 1st November, 7.30, at Wilfred House. All information is on our website <https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk>.

STONE ROAD, BRAMSHALL – WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT – UPDATE

Dates for the works to be carried out and traffic management details:

2 way traffic lights control of traffic - 9th January 2023 – 02nd April 2023.

Complete road closure - 13th & 14th Jan 2023, 20th & 21st Jan 2023, 24th & 25th Feb 2023, 3rd & 4th March 2023

The Water Company will distribute letters in mid - November. Plus they will be deploying a Media Vehicle in advance which should allow anyone to ask any further questions.

Staffordshire County Council has launched a communications campaign to help Staffordshire residents find advice and support to manage cost of living rises. They hope to make people aware of existing national and local advice and support so getting support earlier rather than later.

A new area on their web pages has been created, with sections on money and debt, energy bills, food and essentials, support in communities, staying warm and staying well. Social posts, messages to partners and stories shared through local media will highlight the range of advice and support that's available to help people - signposting people to local community based support wherever possible.

Web address: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/heretohelp

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall
Local Vicar Revd John Lander
revjsl@btinternet.com
tel: 565228 or mobile: 07706 058689

Services for November

6th November	11.00am	Morning Worship
13th November	10.55am	Holy Communion (Remembrance Sunday)
20th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
27th November	11.00am	Family Communion

Sidespersons Rota:	6th November	Mrs SA Lander
	13th November	Mrs L Corbishley
	20th November	Mrs G Lovatt
	27th November	Mrs M Jones

Flowers: Mrs A. Harris and Mrs M. Ward

Refreshments: Mrs SA Lander

BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

For those who may be interested there is a course starting on November 15th at The Heath Community Centre, free of charge.
This will be led by the Area Rector, Rev. Margaret Sherwin.



FESTIVE CUPPA - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
at Glenda's on Wednesday 7th December 2 – 4pm



Help wanted !

We have a few areas of the village where we would appreciate some assistance to distribute our Parish News Sheet. If you have half an hour to spare once a month to deliver a few sheets could you please let us know. Thank you.



From the Registers

Baptism :
Sunday 2nd October

Theo Hudson THACKRAY
Orla Iris THACKRAY

Pictured left are Theo and Orla
with parents Andrew and Jodi.

CONFIRMATION

If anyone is considering looking at confirmation, please note the preparation sessions will start after Christmas. The actual Confirmation Day is being organised for the end of April beginning or May next year.

Contact Rev. John on 07706-058689 should you be interested.

100 CLUB WINNERS SEPTEMBER

1 st	No.200	Pat Whittaker	£30
2 nd	No.199	Colin Whittaker	£25
3 rd	No.149	Mary Sargeant	£20
4 th	No.112	Christine Kilby	£15



Congratulations on the safe arrivals of:

William, a son to Alana & Ollie, and first grandchild for Colin & Pat Whittaker.

Also

Jonah Thomas, a son to Evie & Mark, and third grandchild for Mick & Sarah Oldham.



BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We were pleased to welcome BBC West Midlands' 'Laughing Gardener', Darren Rudge, for the opening meeting of the current season – a relief to be meeting again after an 18-month shut down. Darren lived up to his nickname as plenty of humour was included in his presentation as well as some very useful information; his subject was 'Low Maintenance Gardening'.

He maintained that a low maintenance garden has to be planned and the amount of lawn, hard surface and plants requiring attention need to be carefully thought about before low maintenance can be assured. Lifting the height of cut of the lawn makes a big difference as well as installing a permanent mowing edge. A garden with 75% evergreens (of which there is a huge variety of colour these days), 15% deciduous shrubs and 10% herbaceous borders would be recommended. His major plan for reducing watering was to mulch, mulch and mulch – at least 3" layer makes such a difference. He finished by answering questions from the audience and he was given some real posers, which he answered very ably.

The November meeting will be at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 28th November at 7:30pm. Kath Reynolds will be presenting a Christmas-related talk 'Tis the Season to be Jolly'.

Please put this date in your diary and don't forget - Gardening Club members can claim a 10% discount at the Strawberry Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) – just present a 2022-23 Membership Card.

The Old Rectory, Bramshall.

**There will be a Firework Display at the
Old Rectory
on Friday 4th November at 7pm – Tickets £3.50**

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AUTUMN FAIR **SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER** **2-4pm**

This annual event is a great Christmas shopping opportunity and a chance to catch up with neighbours over a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

To book a stall or donate raffle prizes, please contact Carole Postlethwaite on 01889 563982 or postlethwaitec@aol.com

Cake donations are welcome.
Please bring them on the day.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG **SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER** **7-9pm**

Join us for a non-denominational Christmas sing-along. Joni Talks, the West End singer who joined us at our Jubilee celebrations, will be back with a festive repertoire to get you into the Christmas spirit. Ticket price includes a mince pie and a cup of mulled wine. We will also have a food trailer outside for those who might like to pick themselves up a bite to eat.

Tickets: £5 each



STONE HUNT PLEA

We have recently had some complaints from the gentleman who empties the AED clothing collection bin in the Village Hall car park regarding the number of our lovely painted stones being “hidden” in the bin. A recent scout around the village garden has revealed that a lot of the stones (there are 59 of them in total) have been relocated to very secret hideaways. This was meant to be a fun activity for children of the village and it is concerning that some are spoiling it. If anyone knows where the stones are, please can they be relocated to more accessible hiding places and we ask that future projects such as the Poppy Field and Village Christmas tree are not tampered with.

Apologies but the Jubilee Buffet Dance had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales.

DIGGING INTO THE PAST – 1940

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on April 4th 1940 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Rev W E Charlton BA in the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mesdames: H Durose, V Talbot,

Messrs: J C DeVille, F. Searle, (Wardens) J H Lindop (Secretary), H. Potter, J Adams, H. Durose, E J Whittaker, R Whittaker, J W Sargeant, J Sargeant, G Talbot, J R Statham, J E Ward and the Rev. G D Prime.

Minutes - The minutes of the last Vestry were read, confirmed and signed.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to the Churchwardens and Sidesmen as well as to all who were connected with the Church for their efforts during the past year. He also took the opportunity on behalf of the meeting to offer sympathy to Mr J C DeVille who had been seriously ill and to Mrs J H Lindop who was still ill, as well as to the family of the late Mr H C Sneyd-Kynnersley. It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Sneyd-Kynnersley from this meeting.

Election of Wardens - On the proposal of Mr J Ward who was seconded by Mr R Whittaker, Mr J C DeVille and Mr F S Searle were again elected Churchwardens – a duty which they both willingly accepted.

This concluded the Vestry meeting.

W E Charlton

24/4/41

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting was held on 4th April 1940 immediately after the Vestry and the same company present in the Parish Hall with the addition of Mr J H Statham.

Minutes : - The Vicar was in the Chair and read the minutes of the last Annual meeting together with those of a Church Council meeting held on 28th August 1939. Both of these minutes were confirmed and signed.

Church Council - It was proposed by Mr J C Deville and seconded by Mr F S Searle that the Church Council be re-elected as before en bloc.

These were as follows:

Mr J H Statham (Vice Chairman),
Mesdames: DeVille, Lindop, Searle, Statham, Bailey, G Talbot.
Messrs Robert Whittaker, E Whittaker, G Martin, H Potter,
J Adams, D Steele, J Sargeant, T Eden, H Durose, J H Lindop,
G Talbot, R Statham, E J Brown and J E Ward with the
Rev. G D Prime ex officio.

Secretary - The resignation of Mr J H Lindop as Honorary Secretary was received with regret and he was accorded sincere thanks by the Chairman on behalf of the meeting for all he had so willingly done during his period of office. After several proposals of names and many hesitations Mr J C DeVille said he would be pleased to undertake the duties of the office for yet another term, if he could have the assistance of the Rev. G D Prime. This was carried by the meeting.

Auditor - Mr R Whittaker was again elected as Hon. Auditor of the accounts.

Ruridecanal/ Diocesan / Archidiaconal Conferences :

Mrs G Talbot was resolved to be appointed lay representative.

Sidesmen - The Sidesmen were re-elected as before en bloc as follows:-

Messrs H Durose, G Martin, J H Lindop, J Sargeant, J W
Sargeant, J H Statham,
R Statham, D Steel, G Talbot, J Ward, E Whittaker and R
Whittaker.

Accounts - The accounts were presented by the retiring Secretary and showed a balance of £26.13.8. On the motion of Mr DeVille seconded by Mr Ward the accounts were adopted.

General Business - On the proposition of Mr R Whittaker and seconded by Mr Ward it was decided that the two Churchwardens should sign the cheques.

Sunday School - Five pounds was again granted to the Sunday School for the children's outing.

Mothers Union - Mr Prime proposed and Mr H Durose seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Mothers Union for the splendid way in which they looked after the Church and to the ladies who gave the altar flowers. This was carried unanimously.

Bishop of Lichfield Fund - The Vicar expressed his satisfaction at the response Bramshall had made to the Bishop of Lichfield fund for new churches. He suggested that this year a portion of the Harvest Festival offerings should be given to the Missions to Seamen. It was decided that this should be done.

Windows - The meeting came to the conclusion that the scheme for the repair of the windows in the Church should for the time being be postponed.

Reserve Fund - Owing to the very satisfactory state of the balance sheet the proposition was put forward by Mr Searle, who was seconded by Mr DeVile that a reserve fund be formed to meet any extraordinary expenditure which might arise in the future, such as the redecoration of the Church. The amount of such reserve fund would be agreed upon according to the balance. This was carried by 8 votes to 3 – the others abstaining from voting.

There being no further business the Vicar closed the meeting with prayer.

W E Charlton

24/4/41



London Marathon

Lauren Leiter and her mother, Wendy, were participants in the London marathon at the beginning of October. They both successfully completed the course in very good times (under 4 hours). Here they are pictured at the Marathon Show, where they were thrilled to meet inspirational Marathon Runner Eliud Kipchoge.

Well done both of you.

Thank You

I should just like to express my appreciation to Jamie Painter who has recently refurbished my Dyson vacuum cleaner. I have had this machine a long time and did not want to look for another, so I consulted Jamie. He kindly looked it over and suggested the pieces that needed replacing, he quoted, and I accepted and now have an as new machine at home. Thank you, Jamie. SallyAnne Lander

PS Joan Martin from Dagdale also wishes to say a big thank you too – she is delighted with the work you carried out on her machine.

Autumn Fayre

Several yellow and orange autumn leaves are scattered around the title, with one prominent leaf in the top right corner.

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A collection of autumn leaves in various shades of brown, orange, and yellow, along with small red berries and a single nut, are arranged at the bottom of the poster.

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CHRISTMAS RAVE: Sunday 11th December 2pm - 4pm
more details next month

A story from the Bramshall memorials.

In the churchyard is the grave stone marking some of the Taft family who ran the New Inn in Bramshall :

*In Loving Memory of Bertram Philip TAFT
Beloved son of Thomas and Annie TAFT of Bramshall
Killed in Action in France Oct 13 1915
Aged 17 Years
Also of Ethel their beloved daughter
Who died Oct 20 1918 Aged 22 Years
"Peace Perfect Peace"
Also of Annie Beloved wife of Thomas TAFT
Who died March 22 1931 Aged 69 Years.
Also of John Thomas TAFT
died June 6 1933 Aged 72 Years.*

Bertie as he was known was probably a lively and adventure seeking lad, he was already part of the Territorial Army before war broke out and he worked at the railway station in Uttoxeter. He was just sixteen, and the youngest son of the family, when he enlisted on the 29th of August 1914. Maybe he wanted to be like his older brother Lance Corporal Richard Taft who served in the 5th Queens Regiment in India and also enlisted at the very start of the war.

The picture shows the North Staffordshire Regiment marching through Uttoxeter in 1914 on their way to Burton and from there to set off for the south coast and over to France. Looking at the crowds gathered it must have seemed exciting to be part of this movement to



protect his family and country following the declaration of war. Suddenly everyone's sons, brothers, husbands were soldiers. An eye witness account describes 'Men tramping along the streets in platoons. And a song seemed to rise, Tipperary, which they sang or whistled as they marched.' Maybe at first his parents could comfort themselves with the thought that the war would be over by Christmas.

However, just over one year later, Bertie was on the Western Front and would play his part in the terrible battle of Loos. He embarked from Southampton on the 4th March 1915 and disembarked at Havre the next day 5th. He was killed in action on the 13th October 1915. (warmemorialsonline.org.uk)

It was at the Hohenzollern Redoubt that Bertie became one of the 50,000 casualties suffered by the British Army. He may have suffered, or seen the suffering, caused by the chlorine gas which was deployed to help break through the German lines but which blew back into the British trenches and no –man’s land causing chaos. The gas masks were extremely basic at this point in the war - if he wore one it would have been like the one pictured.



It is difficult to imagine how anyone, let alone a 17 year old, could cope with these conditions. Of the 104 casualties Bertie’s 16th Battalion Prince of Wales North Staffs suffered in the Hohenzollern Redoubt, ten were from Uttoxeter, including officer Captain Oswald Joseph Bamford.

In total fourteen soldiers from Uttoxeter were killed at the battle of Loos. His parents were not to have official

notification of his death until November. It is not difficult to imagine what terrible weeks those were with so many families receiving the telegram they did not want to get.



These pictures of the Stoke station memorial (courtesy of IWM) show his name recorded with so many other employees of the North Staffordshire Railway and remembered each year. His name is also commemorated on the Loos Memorial, France .

Thanks to the Uttoxeter Lost Generation site for many details.

Perhaps (To R.A.L.)

Perhaps some day the sun will shine again,
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,
And feel once more I do not live in vain,
Although bereft of You.

Perhaps the golden meadows at my feet
Will make the sunny hours of spring seem gay,
And I shall find the white May-blossoms sweet,
Though You have passed away.

Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer bright,
And crimson roses once again be fair,
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,
Although You are not there.

Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain
To see the passing of the dying year,
And listen to Christmas songs again,
Although You cannot hear.'

But though kind Time may many joys renew,
There is one greatest joy I shall not know
Again, because my heart for loss of You
Was broken, long ago.

Vera Brittain

Brittain, born in Newcastle under Lyme in 1893, was no stranger to death in WW1. Her fiancé, the RAL of this poem, her brother, and her two dearest male friends were all dead by the time the armistice was signed in November 1918. She worked as a V.A.D nurse during the war.



Penny's Recipe of the Month

Hello everyone,

I am sorry to say no recipe this month as I have been away a lot in October, Autumn is here and it is a lovely time of the year what with the colours of the trees etc.

I have spent several days up in my home county - North Yorkshire staying at a lovely village called Burnsall the hotel there is The Red Lion which was family owned until very recently. However it is now owned by a small brewery called Thwaites and is still very much the same, the River Wharf runs along side the hotel and inside the lovely open fires are lit in the evening. The hotel overlooks a large village green with the river. It is about 6 miles from Grassington which is where they film All Creatures Great and Small - a lovely series about James Herriot, the Yorkshire Vet.

I find it quite frightening now to walk around the supermarkets and see the shelves displaying Christmas cards and decorations need I say Christmas is coming let's hope the goose is getting fat ! Recipe will be in next month's Bramshall News.

Penny

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Fitness	Mondays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Garden Club	Last Monday of the month	7.30 - 9.30pm	Revd John Lander (Chairman) 565228
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2.00 – 4.00pm	Keith Lowson 564427
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Yoga	Wednesdays	7.00 – 8.00pm	Dawn Colclough (Colclough_italy@yahoo.co.uk)
Sewing Club	2 nd Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harrison 01283-732248
Lift Lean Resistance Training	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Table Tennis	Sat 5th & 19th Nov	9.30 - 10.30am	Andrew Fox on Facebook

Hall Booking fees:

Regular Hirers: £15/hr.

Village Hirers: £20/hr.

Non Village Hirers: £25/hr

Evening Hire (Villagers): £100 (5-6 hrs)

Evening Hire (Non Villagers): £150 (5-6 hrs)

NB There will be an additional charge of £10 for events to cover cost of a Premises Supervisor to check the state of the hall after.

Help please!

It's that time of year again when we have oodles of leaves falling. Once a fortnight when it is brown bin week could we encourage parishioners/children to help by filling them with leaves off the paths please?

With wet conditions some areas are getting very slippery, and it will ensure we can try and eradicate any potential hazards. Your help with this would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Quiz answers:

1. Admiral Horatio Nelson.
2. The tomb of King Tutankhamen.
3. Women no longer had to wear hats in church.
4. Rupert.
5. St Andrew.

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